



NOT THESE DATES ON YOUR

## CALENDAR



**Tues., Nov. 11 - "Appreciation Night" Party. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m.**

A. Wilfred May, Arthur Milton and James Sheldon will be toasted by members of the OPC for their devotion to work in the Club over an extended period. Music.

At the same time, pictures of OPC Past Presidents Wayne Richardson and Cecil Brown will be placed in the Lobby beside those of other Past Presidents at an official ceremony.

**Thurs., Nov. 13 - Members' Book Evening. Reception, 6:30, dinner, 7:30, discussion, 8:30 p.m.**

John Barkham will moderate a discussion of new books by OPCers, including Fannie Hurst, James Ramsay Ullman, Gerold Frank, Larry Blochman, Edgar Snow, Myra Waldo, Alden Hatch, David Alexander, Harrison Salisbury and Norman Lobsenz. Each author will speak no more than four minutes and will answer questions from the floor.

Reservations, please.

**Tues., Nov. 18 - Regional Dinner: The Bahamas. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.**

Reservations, for member and one guest each, at OPC. \$4.00 per person.

**Tues., Nov. 25 - Opening of Photo Exhibit, by Lisa Larsen. Reception, 6:00 p.m.**

The photo exhibit tells the story of Poland since the peaceful October revolution. Polish diplomats will attend the reception. (See page 3.)

## CLUB, FUND EACH PAY \$40,000 CASH TOWARD PURCHASE OF NO. 33 WITH VIEW TO EXPANSION

The Correspondents Fund of the OPC, with substantial Club assistance, has taken up the option for purchase of the building at 33 East 39th St., adjacent to the present OPC headquarters.

The price of the new building is \$155,000.

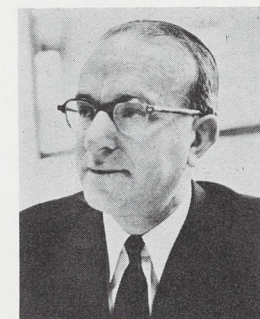
The OPC Board of Governors at a special meeting Oct. 29 voted \$40,000 to the Correspondents Fund for the purchase.

The Trustees of the Fund at a special meeting on Oct. 31 voted another \$40,000 to match the OPC contribution. The remainder of the purchase price will be secured through a mortgage on 33 East 39th.

According to Frank Wachsmith, Club attorney and chairman of the Club's special committee on the purchase of 33 East 39th St., a contract with the owners

of 33 East 39th will be signed by Dec. 1 and closure will take place by Jan. 1. Wachsmith, assisted by John Wilhelm, Club Second Vice President and Treasurer, and Board of Governors member

Ben Grauer will meet with Correspondents Fund representatives to finalize the Club-Fund contract for lease by the Fund to the Club of the 33 East 39th St. property.



BARKHAM

The Correspondents Fund, a charitable organization closely affiliated in origin, purposes and membership with the OPC, is the owner of the present OPC headquarters at 35 East 39th St. on which the Club holds a ninety-nine year lease.

Both the Fund and the Club under-

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WACHSMITH



"Looks Like an Even Numbered Day" on Quemoy Island with a respite from the shelling for members of the world's newest press club, "Quemoy." Undaunted by the lack of complete bar facilities and deep leather chairs are (left to right) Al Kramer and Larry Miller, *Stars and Stripes*; Bruce Russell, Reuters (standing); Charles Smith, UPI (sitting); Albert Smouler, *Paris Match*; Greg MacGregor, *N.Y. Times*; Lawrence Chang, NBC News; James Bell, *Time-Life*, and John Dominis, *Life*. (NBC Photo.)

## GERMAN LANGUAGE DINNER!

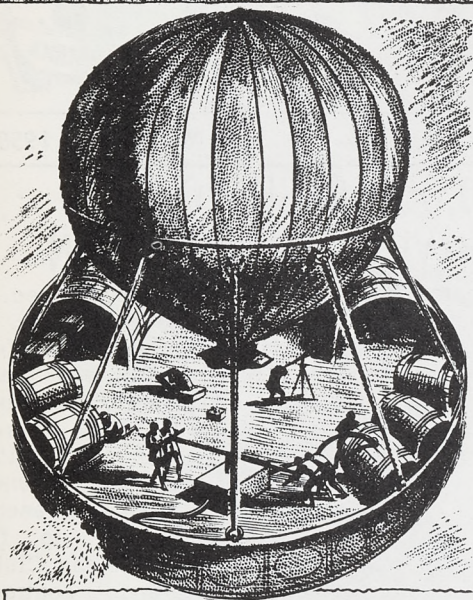
The Special Projects Committee, headed by Lin Root, is planning the next Foreign Language Evening in the new OPC series.

Following the successful French language dinner, held Wednesday, the gathering of German-speaking OPCers and their guests is scheduled tentatively for later this month.

Herr von Schlabrendorff, author of *Officers Against Hitler*, has been invited as a guest of honor and will attend if he arrives in this country from Germany in time for the function.

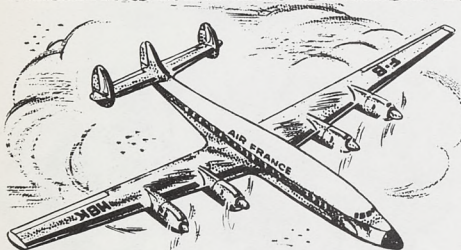


# Air Facts



## FRENCH SPUTNIK— CIRCA 1783

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**Italy Story** — WOR-MBS reporter Henry Gladstone on steps of St. John Lateran Church in Rome covering the Papal story (for rebroadcast to WOR in New York). In background are CBS' Winston Burdett and AP's Stan Carter.

## TALBERT LEAVES TRIB

Aviation editor and columnist *Ansel E. Talbert* resigned last month from the *N.Y. Herald Tribune* after twenty-two years.

His resignation followed notice that his column would appear less often and that he should concentrate on covering aviation stories assigned by city editor Luke Carroll. This would have restricted Talbert's coverage of the broader military aspects of his beat, and Talbert resigned "with regrets."

Among the outstanding stories which Talbert wrote during his twenty years on the aviation beat was one which appeared in 1939, headlined: "Are Laboratories Making an Atomic Explosive as a Devastating Weapon for the Air Raider?"

Talbert is a former vice president of the OPC.

## KENNEDY ON "MEET THE PRESS"

John F. Kennedy, reelected Tuesday as U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, will "Meet the Press" tomorrow on NBC TV and Radio.

The panel will include James Reston, *N.Y. Times*; Ernest Lindley, *Newsweek*; Robert McCormick, NBC News; and a fourth man to be announced.

## MAY RETURNS

A. Wilfred May returned this week from Southeast Asia where he made an extensive survey of the Communists' aggression in that trade area.

## OUTERBRIDGE DIES

Paul Outerbridge of Laguna Beach, Calif., died on Oct. 24.

## OVERSEAS TICKER

### BANGKOK

It was coup-time in Thailand this week, although the military junta tried to confuse things by calling it a revolution.

Nevertheless, a number of correspondents dropped into Bangkok to find out what the latest government overthrow meant and to bring news of the outside world.

Bernie Kalb of the *N.Y. Times*, Paul Humes of *Time* and Dennis Bloodworth of the *London Observer* flew up from Singapore. Australian free-lancer Denis Warner, on his way home from Formosa, also spent two days here and Alex Josey of Britain's Reynolds chain, came over from Rangoon.

They ran into the usual year 'round problems faced in Bangkok: censorship and an ineffectual public relations department in the government. Correspondents have been trying to get to an official spokesman for an explanation of the junta's "revolution." Days later, they were still trying. Censorship was holding up cables anywhere from five to thirteen and a half hours. Postal authorities even denied there was censorship until this correspondent intercepted a cable marked for the attention of the Union of International Telecommunications in Berne. It was advising that censorship was indeed in effect.

### In Time For Coup

OPC's former Treasurer and Vice President Wilfred May got here just in time for the coup. May, executive editor of the *Commercial and Financial Chronicle*, spent several days looking into the newly-posed threat of Communist Chinese trade in Southeast Asia.

Len Saffir, one-time INS newsman in Tokyo, is now managing the Club Oasis in Bangkok....Cesar Ortiz, an AP staffer on the Latin-American desk during the war, is the ECAFE information officer. He can steer you onto the right track if you're looking for economic developments in Asia....Howard Garnish has replaced Dick McCarthy as USIS director here. Garnish was formerly in Stockholm and Geneva where he worked closely with correspondents on the 1954 Indochina peace talks. McCarthy moves to Taipei.

Murray Fromson

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## PEOPLE & PLACES

Bill Jorden, N.Y. Times in Moscow, sailed for New York and reassignment on Oct. 29 — stepped up his departure date from December because of ill health... Times' A.C. Sedgwick returned to Athens Oct. 28 after home leave... Kathryn Cravens and Louis Lochner among those whose statements about value and efficacy of prayer will be published in a 616-page book, *We Believe in Prayer*, on Nov. 15 by T.S. Denison & Co. (Minneapolis)... Dr. Howard A. Rusk and his wife on six-weeks' trip through Far East - he will speak at Rehabilitation congress in Australia and Int'l. Conference of Social Work in Japan.

Copley Press' Robert Letts Jones on Pan American's first American jet passenger flight, to Brussels... J. Wendell Sether, who will continue as assistant publisher of the *American Press* magazine, has formed his own firm (J. Wendell Sether Assoc., Inc.) to publish *Cooperative Advertising Newsletter*.

### NED RUSSELL DIES

Ned Russell, correspondent for the N.Y. *Herald Tribune*, died in Washington on Nov. 2. He was 42.

Russell, who had been in a coma since an automobile accident in September 1954, died of pneumonia with complications.

He was seventeen when he began his newspaper career on the *Los Angeles Examiner*, and in 1936 joined the UP. He worked in several of the wire service's bureaus in the U.S. and in World War II was a correspondent in London, the Allied campaign in North Africa, and France, Belgium and Holland.

He joined the London bureau of the *Herald Tribune* in January 1944 and from 1945 to 1950 he was chief of bureau. Since 1950 he had been a member of the *Herald Tribune* staff in Washington.

Russell, who was president of the Ass'n. of American Correspondents in London in 1948-49, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Woyevodsky Russell.

### OPC HEADQUARTERS ON TV

The OPC headquarters recently was visible on television screens from Boston to Melbourne and from Los Angeles to Glasgow.

It was the background for a special report by CBS correspondent Paul Niven, distributed by CBS Newsfilm to its subscribers all over the world.

Niven, back in New York from Moscow after being expelled by the Soviet government, was assigned to do a sound-film report on Russian censorship. Newsfilm managing editor John Cooper decided the OPC Memorial Library would make a better setting than a studio, and the OPC gave immediate permission.

No censorship here.



"And Quietly the Bridge is Built — The Story of Poland since Her Peaceful October Revolution" is the title of a photo exhibit by Lisa Larsen which opens at the OPC on Nov. 25. The pictures (among them one above) which were taken during five trips to Poland, represent Miss Larsen's "views and impressions of life in Poland." A reception at 6:00 p.m. "cuts the ribbon" for the exhibit which will be on view through December.

### YALE LAW SCHOOL DEBATES WORTHY CASE

The right of newsmen to cover news anywhere in the world will be argued in New Haven, Conn., on Nov. 10 at 8:00 p.m. The Moot Court of Appeals of the Yale Law School will hear mock opposing arguments on the passport appeal case of Worthy vs. Dulles.

Afro-Asian correspondent William Worthy's passport was not renewed by Secretary of State Dulles after Worthy made a trip to Red China more than a year ago. The case is now on appeal, and is expected to be decided by the Supreme Court in 1960 or 1961.

Each year the Yale Law School holds the Thurman Arnold Appellate Competition and the winning side receives senior honors. With federal judges and distinguished members of the bar sitting as the moot court, weeks of legal research and extensive preparation are required of the students selected to argue both sides of the case.

### LASKY TESTIMONY REPRINTED

Victor Lasky's testimony, as chairman of the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee, before the Senate subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, in March 1957 (regarding the extent to which the Federal government respects constitutional rights in handling passports), has been reprinted in pamphlet form and is being circulated by the subcommittee.

## Footbolnyi, Anyone?

(The notice in The Overseas Press Bulletin on Oct. 25 about Russian lessons being given on TV on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and the suggestion that members use the OPC TV room to study, brought the following essay from one of our readers. Ed. Note.)

by Bruno Shaw

Russian is supposed to be a difficult language, they say, and it takes years to learn it. Nonsense. Anyone who can speak English can speak Russian. Here's how easy it is, in case you're contemplating a visit to Moscow.

### Avtomobil

If you use an *avtomobil* in Russia, make sure your *shofyor* knows the difference between the *tsilindr* and the *carbnyurator*. If he puts the *byenzin* in the radiator, you'd better take a *taksi* of the *tramvai* instead. The *kondooktor* will be glad to let you off at the park or the *boolvar*.

For excitement, there is usually a *footbolnyi myach* going on somewhere, or *basketbol* or *hokkyyei*. If you need exercise you can pick up a *tennisnaya rakyeta* or *boks* with someone at the gym. If it's culture you're looking for, there's the *kontsyert*, a *drama*, *opyer-yetka*, or a new *film* at the *kino*.

You can get any variety of food, from *banan* and *limon* to *tomaty*, *shpinat* (the hell with it), *artishoki*, *krab soop* and *sardinki*. To wash it down, there's *viski*, *rom*, *portvyein* or *konyak*. If that mess gives you a headache, just take an *aspirin tablyetki*.

### And Prostynya

When you reserve a room at the hotel, always get one with *doosh*. And don't get into bed unless there's a *prostynya* in it (ha! fooled you, that's a sheet.)

At the barber shop you can get a *shampooon*, *pyermanyent*, *manikyur* or *massazh*.

Shopping is easy. Just watch the ads in *Pravda* for *frak*, *smoking*, *kostyum*, *pantalony*, *korsyet*, and *svityers*.

If you are in need of an extra word or two I haven't mentioned here, all you need to do is take this to the nearest *restoran* and tell the waiter: "Mnye noozh'no pyeryevyesti' e'to na Rooss'kii yazyk."

It's as simple as that.

### WATERHOUSE TAKES AWARD

Akron Beacon Journal's Helen Waterhouse took the triple entry award at the annual convention of the Ohio Newspaper Women's Ass'n. in Canton... she went directly to the meeting from Pan American's 707 jet flight.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

## Membership

The total number of members in the OPC has risen to 2,047. In the period since Apr. 30 there have been taken into the Club 180 new members. During the same period there have of course been resignations and loss of members due to death but there has been a large net gain. Of the 2,047 members of the Club at the present time 1,277 - in other words well over half - are active members. Of the total membership approximately 1,400 are residents of the metropolitan area.

There are at the present time in the Club 294 active overseas members. All but a handful of these are working American foreign correspondents. It is correct to say that among the membership of the OPC we have well over one-half of the American staff foreign correspondents serving overseas at the present time. In the last half year twenty-six new American foreign correspondents serving overseas have joined the Club.

It can be anticipated that during the current Club year our membership roll will show a net increase of at least 300. The Club's rate of growth this year in membership is running ahead of last year.

A projection of the current rate of growth indicates that in all probability in about three years time the OPC will reach a membership of 3,000, of whom, judging by the current ratio, about 2,100 will be residents.

Common sense indicates that it is necessary to plan ahead for this size of membership.

Among the new members who have been coming into the Club there are many working newsmen of the metropolitan area. This reflects in part the work of the Membership Committee which has arranged so far this year to send out over the President's signature to working newsmen of New York, recommended by Club members as possible new members, over 500 letters enclosing guest cards and cordially inviting the recipient individuals to drop in and make the acquaintance of the Club.

## Finances of the Club

I shall leave the details of the financial report to the Treasurer but it can be pointed out in this report that during the six months ending Sept. 30 the Club showed a very substantial improvement compared with the same period of 1957 - an improvement to be precise of \$10,200.00.

During the six months ending Sept. 30, 1958 there was a net operating deficit (after allowance for depreciation in the amount of about \$2,400.00,) of \$595.00.

However, this deficit figure takes no account of initiation fees in the amount of \$4,175 collected during the six months ending Sept. 30.

Thus including initiation fees the Club would show a net surplus for this period of over \$3,500 which is actually reflected in the Club's cash and liquid assets on hand and the members equity.

It would be inappropriate, however, to be complacent about the Club's financial position. This is particularly true in view of the large commitment which may be made if 33 East 39th St. is purchased.

## The INS Situation

When, early this Club year, INS merged with the UP, many newsmen in this country and a fair number of correspondents serving abroad were thrown out of work.

The Club made a considerable effort to give its assistance as also its moral support to former INS staffers, including both members and non-members.

1. All INS staffers in the metropolitan area were sent letters pointing out the availability to them of the OPC Clubhouse facilities for the period in which they were arranging relocation for themselves. Each such staffer was sent a guest card valid for a three-month period and invited cordially to come to Club as often as desired.

2. The Placement Committee of the Club was asked to make a special effort on behalf of INS foreign correspondents, whether Club members or not. Efforts were made to contact directly and personally each displaced staffer to ascertain plans for return to the U.S. On their arrival and appearance at the Club Placement Committee Chairman *Ted Schoening* and the Committee's Executive Secretary *Janice Robbins* worked out, when requested, series of appointments for the individuals and otherwise undertook to put them in touch with both committee contacts and Club members who would assist them.

I believe I am correct in stating that there was a great deal of appreciation of the Club assistance and attitude on the part of foreign INS staffers. The President received several thank-you letters in this connection and several INS staffers, including some abroad, have joined the Club as a result of this campaign.

## Special Awards to the Club

The enhanced prestige of the Overseas Press Club in the profession and the nation has been reflected this last year in the presentation to the OPC of

three interesting and important awards. The first of these was given in connection with the presentation of Foreign Press Awards of the University of California, Los Angeles, David E. Bright Foundation donations.

The award reads:

To the Overseas Press Club of America for its encouragement to international journalism.

The second award was presented by Free Europe Committee "For outstanding efforts to uphold the ideal of eventual restoration of freedom to the captive peoples now under Communist tyranny in East Europe."

The third award was presented by the Czechoslovak National Council of America as the first Jan Masaryk Award.

## Who's Who

The Who's Who Committee under *Jess Gorkin* completed the new edition of the OPC *Who's Who*. It has come off the press and is now being mailed to members. Each member will receive one free copy.

I think we can take pride in both the appearance and content of this new biographical directory of Club members. It is most attractively printed and it is in looseleaf format which will permit the issues of additional materials and supplements during the course of the next two years..

It is estimated by the Committee that the net cost of this project to the OPC will be in the area of \$2,500.00 initially. However, this figure includes the cost of approximately 900 extra bound copies and another 1,000 unbound copies. It is expected that a considerable portion of the \$2,500 deficit incurred will be recouped over the next two years in sales of copies to new members, of extra copies to present members and of copies to non-members and firms at \$5.00 per copy.

The President plans to appoint in the near future a new Who's Who Committee to begin work immediately on the project for the next such directory which, it is hoped, will be made a full scale *Who's Who* of American foreign correspondents and Americans engaged in this country in reporting, editing, etc., of international news, including non-members as well as Club members.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Thomas P. Whitney.*

(Ed. Note: The portion of the President's report concerning the purchase of No. 33 E. 39th St. is omitted. A news story on this matter is found elsewhere in this issue.)



## James' Algerian Exploit Doth Hast Its Moments

*Michael James flew out of New York last spring when the Algerian troubles came to a head. He spent a little while in Paris, then managed to work his way into the rebel lines while other N.Y. Times men covered the French forces. He made friends among the Arabs, lived with them, managed to get their side of the conflict into the paper. Before he was ordered home early this month, Mike had worn himself down (he never had too much weight to begin with) in long treks across the Algerian desert, mostly on foot. Once in a while he managed to get transportation of a kind, and that's what this piece is about.*

by Michael James

### Tunis

I found myself recently in Soukel Arba in need of reasonably rapid transportation to Tunis, just 100 miles to the east. The driver of a 1958 Peugeot station wagon taxi agreed to drive me to the capital, alone and right away for 4,500 francs, a little less than \$20. It seemed reasonable for the 200-mile round trip the man would have to make.

### Started All Right

The ride started prosaically enough. The driver had the international cab driver's gift of gab and a busy little chat started off in French.

"Thou art an American?" he asked, using the familiar second person singular Arabs always seem to use when they speak French. When I told him that I was indeed an American he asked if I knew how to drive. A positive answer brought another question:

"Knoweth thou how to drive an airplane?"

The writer doth, or anyway used to. This impressed the driver no end, although his disappointment over my lack of experience in piloting rockets stopped him for a while.

### Cousin No. 1

In Souk el Khemis, next town on the road, the cab was flagged to a stop by an officer of the National Guard. He wanted to know where the cab was going. When he found out, he suggested that it would be well to give his little cousin a free ride. The little cousin, a very quiet young man about 16, clambered into the back of the station wagon. He had a large bag of wheat with him. Also six live chickens tied together by their legs. The voyage continued.

"Thou knoweth," the driver said, "it is a good thing to give a ride to the cousin of a National Guard officer."

The National Guard is roughly equivalent to the State Police in the United States.

The ride and the conversation, to an accompaniment of chicken cackles, continued until the next town, Béja. The driver stopped suddenly in front of an Arab cafe.

"I will buy thee a glass of tea," the driver announced. I explained that I really had to get to Tunis.

"Thou must have a glass of tea because I have to get my cousins who will come to Tunis with us."

### Tea and Cousins

Tea was served to all hands and a small boy was sent to fetch the cousins. They arrived — one huge man in white native gown and red fez, one little man in blue jeans and "T" shirt. They brought with them a huge bag of wheat, a smaller bag of very pungent spice, and fourteen chickens. The two men were installed in the rear seat and the wheat, chickens and spice were thrown in the middle along with the first, or National Guard, cousin.

The expedition took off again. I said there had better be no more interruptions or there might be some trouble about that 4,500 francs.

"Thou will arrive in Tunis with speed," the driver assured me, and he stepped on the gas rather hard. The station wagon was soon edging 70 m.p.h.

Great anguished wails came from the large cousin in white.

"He is a man of no courage," explained the driver. "He has fear of the speed."

### Effective Measure

The large cousin continued to make a fuss, but it had no effect. Finally, he half leaped, half rolled over the first, or National Guard, cousin's seat and crashed down into the chickens, wheat and spice. He then reached up and applied a stranglehold on the driver. The car came to a screeching halt and everybody, except me and the chickens got out. A loud argument in Arabic, a tongue of fearful sounds, began on the shoulder of the road.

After about five minutes, as the argument showed no signs of ending, I slipped behind the steering wheel and started for Tunis. About 500 yards down the road I stopped to wait for the driver and the cousins. Faced with an unexpected situation, they had broken off their argument.

"Thou really doth know how to drive," the cab driver puffed, cheerfully. He thereupon ordered the cousins to get into the back seat and he joined them there. They resumed their loud argument as I drove the taxi into town.

(Reprinted from  
Times Talk.)

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## NEW BLDG. (Continued from page 1.)

took the purchase of 33 East 39th St. in order to assure the possibilities for expansion of OPC headquarters when this is needed. Physical situation of the Club and legal arrangements are such that 33 East 39th provided virtually the only practicable avenue for such enlargement of OPC headquarters. The building at 33 East 39th is similar to the building at 35 East 39th and is suitable for combination with 35 East 39th on several or all floors in order to double, if fully used, the size of the Club headquarters.

At the present time, 33 East 39th consists of private apartments which are all occupied.

Conversion of 33 East 39th so as to combine it with 35 East 39th into enlarged Club headquarters would cost a very substantial amount of money. One estimate, obtained from a contractor by the committee for fact-finding on the new building headed by *Merrill Mueller*, providing for breaking through the wall between the two buildings in the basement, and on the first and second floors alone in order to enlarge kitchen, bar and dining room, without providing for decoration etc., was \$62,500.

### "Daring and Wise Decision"

OPC President *Thomas P. Whitney* issued the following statement on the action:

"I believe the OPC and the Fund in taking up the option on 33 East 39th have made both a daring and a wise decision which assures the Club's future by providing it with badly needed room for expansion when that expansion becomes practicable.

"I would like to emphasize that although neither the President nor Club counsel and chairman of the Club's special committee to negotiate for purchase of 33 East 39th were willing to recommend to the Board of Governors the expenditure of more than \$27,500 funds for this purpose. The enthusiasm in the Board of Governors for the projected purchase was such that on its own initiative the Board voted without a dissenting vote to commit to the Fund \$40,000.

"This enthusiasm and the general pattern of rapid growth of the OPC's membership and prestige in the community are guarantees of the success of this project for Club expansion.

"All members of the Board were in agreement that this enlargement would under NO circumstances be accompanied by the slightest relaxation of the requirements for admission to the Club.

"It needs to be emphasized at this point that the Board, in allocating to the Fund for this purchase \$40,000, has disposed of the entire surplus of the OPC.

The remaining liquid assets of the Club — amounting to about \$50,000 — are needed as operating capital. Since the Club at the present time, in contrast with last year, is operating in the black, no crisis impends. However, it behooves the Board to take immediate action to assure inalterably continued financial stability and liquidity of the OPC.

### "Conversion After Payment"

"Members of the Club, will I hope, be patient about actual execution of the combination of the two buildings at 33 and 35 East 39th into one. Common sense indicates that this conversion should take place *after* the funds to pay off the mortgage on 33 East 39th and to carry out the complete conversion have been raised and are on hand. This implies a major new fund drive which will be organized. I believe that the outlines of this fund drive and the actual design of the new expanded OPC headquarters should be worked out by a joint Fund-Club Committee and that such a committee should begin work immediately.

"Both the Board of Governors of the Club and the Trustees of the Fund are to be congratulated on their courage in taking this decisive step. If either organization had hung back and refused to act, it is questionable whether the OPC would have been able, perhaps for decades ahead, to plan expansion of its headquarters."

### "Another Giant Step"

*John Barkham*, president of the Correspondents Fund, said of the purchase:

"With the decision to purchase the building next door, the Correspondents Fund and the Overseas Press Club have taken another giant step forward in a history which extends back a mere twenty years. The decision to do so was unanimous on the part of both bodies, and to both of us, too, I imagine the transaction was nine-tenths business and one-tenth vision.

"We know that problems lie ahead. With so large a mortgage to be carried, we cannot afford to reduce the revenue-producing character of the new property until our indebtedness is liquidated and the money raised to reconvert. But when that day comes and the two buildings are joined as one, we shall have the true Memorial Press Center we always envisioned."

### WHEELER SUCCESSOR NAMED

Gerald Adler replaces *Romney Wheeler* as managing director of NBC Int'l. (Great Britain), Ltd.



## TREASURER'S REPORT



(Following is Treasurer's Report to the Semi-Annual Meeting on Oct. 30.)

The Club had a net profit of \$1,037.60 for the month of September compared to net loss of \$2,259.86 for September 1957. For the first six months of the Club year (since Apr. 1, 1958), the Club has come close to breaking even, suffering a small net loss of \$595.43.

This compares with a net loss of \$10,811.75 for the same period of the previous year, and shows the Club has arrived at a healthy stage of nearly breaking even on its operating income.

The Club had \$86,675.78 in cash on deposit as of Sept. 30.

The members' equity stood at \$137,225.83.

The dining room made the most effective gain, serving 4,301 covers during September with a loss of only \$6.05 compared to a loss of \$853.28 for September 1957 when the dining room service was impeded by redecoration.

Committee expenses were up from \$652.32 in September of last year to \$10,010.47 in September of this year. But Administration, Bulletin and house expenses were all down.

The Treasurer would recommend that considerable thought be given to keeping the Club in the black for the balance of the year by tight control of expenses, by increasing dining room income, and by seeking special outside sources of income.

Sincerely,  
John R. Wilhelm

### NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

#### ASSOCIATE

Mary Malone - N.Y. corresp. for London  
Daily Mirror.

Roberto Garcia Pena - El Tiempo, Bogota

#### AFFILIATE

Robert W. Wigginton - PR Pan American  
World Airways.

James B. Devine - PR Amer. Airlines Inc.

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